



Annual Internal Review

This report covers the time period of 7/1/2019 to 6/30/2020

South Central Waterfront Advisory Board (Official Name of Board or Commission)

The Board/Commission mission statement (per the City Code) **is:**

To provide continuity and communication among stakeholders and advocates as the SCW Plan moves towards implementation, as well as provide recommendations to the City Council and City Boards as ‘Next Steps’ proceed, as outlined in this plan.

1. **Describe the board’s actions supporting their mission during the previous calendar year. Address all elements of the board’s mission statement as provided in the relevant sections of the City Code.**

| Date | Action Type | Action | Description |
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| Apr 2020 | Recommendation to Council | TBD | In keeping with Council direction 20200220-044 to move forward expeditiously on the development of SCW District dated 02/20/2020, the SCWAB supports the EDD Consultant’s recommendation on establishing an Economic Development Organization.” |
| Feb 2020 | Update Report on SCW | | Executive Liaison Alan Holt, Public Works |

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| | Physical Framework Costs | | Department staff Kevin Sweat, and Jodi Lane, PAZ Staff, presented an update on the SCW Physical Framework Costs. The Board discussed this but no action was taken. |
| Feb 2020 | Update on EDD process concerning Governance Structure | | An update was provided by Executive Liaison Alan Holt. The Board agreed with the suggestion from EDD staff to potentially call a Special Called Meeting to provide feedback to the Consultant prior to his report being sent to Council. The Board anticipates taking action once further information is available from EDD. No action was taken. |
| Feb 2020 | Discussion of Council Resolution of February 20 on SCW Implementation | | The Board discussed the Council Resolution brought forth by Council Member Tovo but no action was taken |
| Jan 2020 | Update on OTC/CBRE Study | | Ex Officio Member Gloria Aguilera reported the study is not complete and they may have it complete in February. No action was taken. |
| Jan 2020 | Discussion of Project Connect Blue Line | | Ex Officio Member Nazlie Saedi & Executive Liaison Alan Holt provided updates on the potential route of the Blue Line through the SCW according to the |

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| | | | Project Connect website and ATD's role and work in progress. No action was taken. |
| Jan 2020 | Discussion on 425 W. Riverside PUD – tracking community benefits | | Executive Liaison Alan Holt provided an accounting of the community benefits from this PUD. No action was taken. |
| Oct 2020 | Discussion concerning proposed LDC Revision | | The Board discussed the latest public draft of the land development code and expressed concerns over the draft's relationship to the Waterfront Overlay and the South Central Waterfront Regulating Plan. No action was taken. |
| Oct 2020 | Update on consultant work concerning SCWF Vision Plan implementation | | Executive Liaison Alan Holt updated the board on the status of the work of the three SCW 2019 implementation work consultants, Asakura Robinson, ECONorthwest, and McCann Adams Studio. No action was taken. |
| Oct 2020 | Discussion over 305 S. Congress PUD application | | Executive Liaison Alan Holt presented the latest Staff Response to the PUD application. The Board discussed this but no action was taken. |
| Aug 2020 | Update on consultant work concerning | | Executive Liaison Alan Holt updated the Board on the status of the |

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| | SCWF Vision Plan implementation | | consultant work for the SCW Initiative. The Board discussed this but no action was taken. |
| August 2019 | Internal board actions | | Board established working groups and assigned members |
| July 2020 | Citizen communication | | The board heard from Austin city resident Paula Kothmann about the development proposed for 305 S Congress, the Austin American Statesman site. She brought up concerns about affordable housing, traffic impact of the development, and potential noise impacts on Travis Heights. |
| July 2020 | Discussion over Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative Presentation by the PAC | | Heyden Black Walker, representative of the Pedestrian Advisory Council (PAC), gave a presentation on PAC's recommendations for the Congress Avenue Urban Design Initiative. The Board discussed this but no action was taken. |
| July 2020 | Update on consultant work concerning SCWF Vision Plan implementation | | Exec Liaison Alan Holt updated the Board on the status of three contracts for consultants for the SCW Initiative and described how the scope of these contracts relates to critical implementation items for the SCW Plan. The Board discussed, no action was taken. |

2. Determine if the board's actions throughout the year comply with the mission statement.

The Board's actions are in accordance with its charter. The actions we have taken follow the 'Next Steps', found on page 110 of the Vision Framework Plan.

3. List the board's goals and objectives for the new calendar year.

In 2019 the board identified four important work areas for the South Central Waterfront Advisory Board:

- Regulating Plan and District Guiding Documents
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone
- District Governance Structure
- City Department/ Staff Structure

Over the course of 2019-2020 the Board, thanks to the hard work of city staff and its consultants, as well as actions taken by Council, has made much progress on its four key initiatives outlined in 2019.

Of the four, a potential structure for the governance of the South Central Waterfront has emerged and will potentially be implemented soon, with the creation of a Local Development Corporation as discussed and supported by the SCWAB during its April 2020 meeting. However, it should be noted that there are still three items pending that, while the board has discussed all of them over the course of the year, no formal action has been taken by the City to help ensure these remaining items are implemented and ultimately the vision of the South Central Waterfront comes to fruition.

That being said, the Board will work this year with staff, Council, and the many stakeholders which have a connection to this project to implement the following three items:

- Regulating Plan and District Guiding Documents
- Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone
- City Department/ Staff Structure

As mentioned prior, the Board continues to discuss and work on the three items mentioned above. The Chair would like to point out, that for the Tax Increment Reinvestment Zone to be implemented, one very important item, not within the Board's control still lacks attention; an update to the Capitol Market Research - Market Report needs to be funded and carried out by city staff. The board has continually requested this of staff but unfortunately not been able to get this key piece of the analysis implemented.

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With regard to the District Governance Structure, it is still unclear how the Board or some entity which holds the best interest of the South Central Waterfront vision and plan in mind, will interact with any Local Development Corporation that may be formed. The Board will work with staff and the Economic Development Department of the City as well as Council to come to an understanding and agreement of how best to see that this topic gets discussed and possibly implemented.

Lastly, the board intends to work with staff and Council to ensure that there is a department within the City which serves as a South Central Waterfront “czar”. The creation of this position along with the necessary funding for any employees it may need is crucial to the proper implementation of this project. This position/department would ensure that all departments which have a stake in the South Central Waterfront are coordinated as well as provide continuity over the life of the project.

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